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MAY HOLD ELECTION IN NEWPORT NEWS

Alleged Movement Started to Put City in "Dry" Column.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Newport News, Va., March 4.—Although those who are reputed to be leaders in the movement refuse to talk, there seems reason for believing that a report published here today to the effect that an attempt will be made in the near future to put Newport News and possibly the entire lower peninsula in the "dry" column, is well founded. When approached to-night, Rev. E. T. Wolford, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, member of the executive committee of the State Anti-Saloon League, and the most active of local prohibition leaders, declined to either confirm or deny the report, saying that it would not do the cause for which he is working any good to circulate. As only 1,350 votes were cast in the November election, the signatures of about 350 voters will make an election certain. The anti-saloon leaders are confident that this number of signatures can be secured without difficulty.

FOUND DEAD IN CHICAGO.

News of the Death of Oren Turner, a Former Virginian.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Martinsville, Va., March 4.—Oren Turner, formerly of this county, son of Dr. J. H. Turner, of Barrows Mill, was found dead in Chicago this morning. Mr. Turner had lived in the West for several years and was formerly a traveling salesman. News of his death was received in a private dispatch from a friend in Chicago to his father. No particulars of the death are known here. He leaves a large family connection in this county.

New Schedule Effective Sunday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., March 4.—The Norfolk and Western Railway will put into effect next Sunday morning a new schedule, which will give Lynchburg and Petersburg an additional local train, which will have connection both ways at Burkeville to and from Richmond for Lynchburg.

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METHODISTS PLAN SUMMER COLONY

Site in Vicinity of Weaverville, Near Asheville, Will Be Chosen.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Asheville, N. C., March 4.—Further steps were taken Wednesday night at a meeting of the subcommittee toward establishing near Weaverville the Chautauque planned by the Methodist Conference of North Carolina, South Carolina, Western North Carolina and Holston, and the project has now taken very substantial form.

The committee had before it the list of lands and prices secured, but no definite consideration was given any of the sites, because it is intended that a landscape gardener shall first examine the different tracts offered and report which is the most desirable for the assembly grounds and sites for the many summer homes which will be built on the several hundred acres to be chosen. The committee will go over the sites with a landscape gardener March 15.

It was directed that steps be taken to secure a charter for the organization, and a committee consisting of Rev. A. Child, of the South Carolina Conference, W. B. Whitson, and Rev. G. H. Detweiler, of the Western Carolina Conference, was named for this purpose. The organization will be called the Southern Methodist Assembly, the term Southern being used in a geographical sense.

The assembly will be in a general way similar to the Montreal Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, near here, the feature being religious training schools, educational lectures, and a colony of congenial people. It is entirely new, and the committee will take over the organization in May.

FUNDS FOR NEW BUILDING.

To Conduct Campaign on Behalf of Chatham Training School.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Chatham, Va., March 4.—Dr. B. C. Henning, secretary of the Virginia National Conference of the Baptist Church, delivered a very convincing talk to a meeting of citizens here Thursday night in the interest of the campaign to erect the Chatham Training School this year. He was followed by several local speakers, and the meeting closed with a report of the results of the campaign in this place to be conducted before that time. The board of trustees now have the site of twelve acres and \$2,000 in cash, which was increased by about \$700 Thursday night by the subscription. The building they contemplate erecting this year will cost about \$10,000, and it is the intention of the trustees to have it ready for occupancy by the coming fall.

SPECIAL TAXES FOR SCHOOLS.

Mineral Springs Township, in Moore County, Votes Aids.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., March 4.—Superintendent J. A. McLeod, of the Moore county public schools, writes an State Department of Education that he has just succeeded in carrying an entire township of the county, Mineral Springs township, for local taxation to improve the schools. This makes two of the nine townships of the county that have local taxation, and the county superintendent declares his purpose to keep up the fight until every one of the townships has fallen into the progressive line of local taxation.

Poachonthas Coke Co. Elects Officers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Poachonthas, Va., March 4.—The stockholders and directors of the Poachonthas Coke Company met here yesterday at the general offices of the Poachonthas Consolidated Collieries Company and elected the following officers for the year: Chas. S. Thorne, of New York City, president; W. D. Ord, of Landgrave, W. Va., vice-president; T. F. Ferrell, of Cincinnati, O., general manager; Harman Woodward, of Bluefield, W. Va., secretary and treasurer.

James T. Bacon.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Campbell, Va., March 4.—James T. Bacon died yesterday at his home near Campbell, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. The funeral will be conducted from Grace Church at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Slight Epidemic of Scarlet Fever.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., March 4.—A report from Appomattox brings word of a slight epidemic of scarlet fever there having been two cases in the neighborhood. There have been some fatalities, one family having lost three children.

TO BUILD NEW SCHOOL.

Structure to Cost \$15,000 Will Be Erected at Wake Forest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Chester, Va., March 4.—The Bermuda District School Board met today and decided to erect a \$15,000 school building at Wake Forest, which will be located in Chester. A Richmond architect met with the board and after considering the subject fully he was instructed to prepare plans, so that the contract can be awarded in time for the structure to be ready for occupancy by the fall term.

DATE SET FOR HEARING.

Collision Between Steamers to Be Investigated by Inspectors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Norfolk, Va., March 4.—The local steamboat inspectors have set next Monday for the investigation of the collision between the steamer Newport News and the tramp steamer Lord Roberts, which occurred Tuesday morning off Wolf Trap Light. Denial is also made in behalf of Captain Phillips of the report that he failed to report the collision, as required under the Federal laws. It being declared that he mailed his report to the inspectors on March 1. Libel papers for service on the Lord Roberts were today forwarded to Baltimore for service.

Official Ocean Test of Battleship.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Newport News, Va., March 4.—The battleship Michigan is to-day at sea for this coast with the Naval Board of Inspection and Survey on board for her official ocean test prior to acceptance from her builders. The tests at sea will continue for forty-eight hours or more.

ASK GOVERNOR FOR PARDON.

Petitioners Being Circulated on Behalf of John W. Hunter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fredericksburg, Va., March 4.—A petition is being circulated here by James George L. Hunter, addressed to Governor Mann, asking for the pardon of her son, John W. Hunter, who was sentenced to jail for six months on January 18 for January 18. It is stated that the petition has been signed by the judge of the Corporation Court and by the members of the jury who convicted Hunter. Commonwealth's Attorney W. W. Butcher refused to sign the petition.



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HAD SAID GOOD-BY, THEN DROPS DEAD

Just Before Leaving for European Trip Zora Hill Passes Away.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Alexandria, Va., March 4.—Police Commissioner Zora Hill, after bidding his brother a farewell preparatory to a four months' pleasure trip to Europe shortly before noon today, collapsed on the steps of his home, 412 Prince Street. He was conveyed into his home by members of the family. Two physicians were summoned, and he died a few minutes past 2 o'clock this afternoon without regaining consciousness. Heart trouble, superinduced by the excitement incident to the proposed trip, are supposed to have been the cause of his sudden demise.

Mr. Hill had completed all of his plans for his extended European trip, and spent the morning in bidding friends farewell. The last person to whom he spoke was his brother, Frank M. Hill, who was left for New York early this afternoon, and sail to-night. Mr. Hill was forty-three years old, and is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Cella Murdock, and two girls and one boy. Two brothers and one sister also survive. They are J. Marriot and Frank M. Hill, and Misses Hattie and Mary E. Hill. Mr. Hill was a cigarmaker by trade, but in recent years retired from active participation in the business affairs. He was a prominent member of Alexandria Lodge of Elks, Fitzgerald Council, No. 129, of Elks, Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Young Men's Association, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the League of the Good Shepherd, Washington, and a number of church organizations. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

UNABLE TO LOCATE FAMILY OF DEAD MAN

H. Latty, Who Claimed Virginian as His Home, Passes Away at Concord After Short Illness.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Concord, Va., March 4.—H. Latty, who claimed to have been from Virginia, and was representing the Pulaski Iron Works, of Pulaski, came to G. W. Harvey's of Pulaski, and was taken to the old furnace, which is about three miles west here, for the Pulaski Iron Works. Mr. Latty had said that he was badly affected with asthma. He had an attack of the disease Saturday and died on Tuesday here this morning. His wife, whom he claimed lived at Virginia, was informed by telegraphing the railroad agent that no such person was known in the section, and no one could be located who knew him. Efforts being in vain the body was sent on to the old furnace yesterday afternoon.

NOEL ALSO GOES TO JAIL.

Will Be Held for Grand Jury to Answer Charge of Faking Coupons.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) South Boston, Va., March 4.—Following the arrest here last night of John Thornton, Jr., one of the partners in the printing establishment in which it is alleged, fraudulent Piedmont cigarette coupons were produced, Lane Noel, the other partner, was brought here this morning from Danville, where he had been arrested. He was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor Shepherd to-night, who refused him bail. Noel was sent on to the House of Correction to await the action of the grand jury. When arrested he had in his possession two dress suits, one of the coupons, but managed to burn the contents of one. He was represented by Watkins and Leigh, of Houston. Thornton pleaded guilty last night to the charge and was sent to the county jail at Houston to await the action of the grand jury.

TO BE HELD AT WAKE FOREST.

Baptist State Sunday School Assembly Will Take Place in August.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., March 4.—Arrangements are in the making for a Baptist State Sunday School Assembly, to be held at Wake Forest College during the second week in August. The college dormitories and the homes of the people of the town will be thrown open to accommodate the Sunday school workers that will gather there. The program is now in process of evolution. Editor Hight C. Moore being one of the principal members of the program committee.

FITTING UP TARGET FOR NAVY.

Abandoned Boat Will Be Used for Practice by Louisiana Gunners.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Norfolk, Va., March 4.—The abandoned boat Nicholson, already once used as a target, is being refitted and fitted with cork at the Norfolk Navy Yard for use as something to shoot at by the battleship Louisiana. A canvas superstructure is being made in order to test the accuracy of the guns.

It is expected that the target will be ready for practice work of the Louisiana by a week or ten days, and the scene of the game will be off the Cape, on what is known as the southern Drill Grounds. The gunners of the big ship are looking forward with interest to the gunnery, and are contending of making a record.

TO MUTUALIZE EQUITABLE.

J. Pierpont Morgan Plans Change in Life Assurance Company.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) New York, March 4.—A plan is being formulated by J. P. Morgan and his representatives to make absolute provision for the future of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and its policyholders. It was learned yesterday. The intention is to establish a new company, a distinctly mutual basis. By virtue of his purchase of 502 shares of the Equitable stock, representing a majority interest, last November, Mr. Morgan controls the society outright, and it is in his power to say what the future policy of the Equitable shall be. An amendment of the plan is expected shortly.

WILL CLOSE DOWN CIGARETTE PLANT

Big Factory in Petersburg No Longer to Be Operated.

REGULAR HUNT CLUB MEET

Prince George County Man Injured in Runaway Accident.

(Times-Dispatch Bureau.) 103 North Syracuse Street, Petersburg, Va., March 4.

The British American Tobacco Company has permanently closed its large cigar factory in this city, this action having been finally determined yesterday. The plant of the company was on Perry Street in the large factory for many years owned and operated by William Cameron and Brother. Cigarettes were manufactured on a large scale for export—mainly for the India trade—and the reason assigned for closing down the plant is the enormous increase of duty, prohibitive, in fact, on tobacco imported into India, for the protection of the tobacco grown in that country. The closing of the plant is generally regretted here. It gave employment to about 100 hands, and distributed a large amount of money in Petersburg. It is stated, however, that the principal employees will be provided for in other factories of the company.

The determination to close the plant was taken yesterday at a meeting of the directors of the company held in this city, and it is said that arrangements to dismantle the plant will be made at once. About one-half million of cigarettes were made at this factory every day. The former thirty-cent cigarettes in India was 8 cents per 1,000, and this was recently increased to \$1.50 per 1,000. The duty on plug and other tobaccos was also heavily increased.

Personal and Otherwise.

The Rev. David Klien, D. D., of the Synagogue in this city, has been invited to deliver the address at the Eagles' Memorial meeting in the Academy of Music on Sunday, March 27. The program of exercises will also embrace some fine music.

The visit of this city are anticipated with much pleasure the visit on Monday next of Miss Nellie E. Merriam, of Muskogee, Okla., supreme chief of the Pythian Sisters of the United States.

Miss Merriam comes to assist in the organization of a local temple of the Pythian Sisters, and Mrs. H. H. H. of the Virginia organization in Virginia, will also be present. The two distinguished visitors will be the guests of the Petersburg lodges, and an open session and reception will be held in their honor. Visitors are also expected from Norfolk, Portsmouth and Richmond.

At the meeting of Petersburg Lodge of Odd Fellows last night, L. A. Andrews was elected representative to the Grand Lodge, which meets in Danville in May, and J. E. Grinstead was chosen alternate.

Neft and Thompson, architects, of Norfolk, have prepared plans for a bungalow, dairy barn, poultry house and other outbuildings on the property of T. Marshall Bellamy adjacent to this city. The improvements to cost approximately \$25,000.

Sergeant Robert B. Stewart, of the Police Corps, is critically ill. His health has been such for some time past as to prevent him from outside duty.

The Riverside Hunt Club will have its usual meet to-morrow afternoon with a reception and hop to follow at the club house. Those asked to serve on the reception committee are Messrs. A. D. Hamilton, W. C. Johnson, G. A. Hinton, Chas. T. Lassiter, Wm. Mahone, E. L. Quarles, Misses C. and M. Spotswood, M. P. McIlwaine, Lucy McIlwaine, Louie McIlwaine and Bessie Mann.

At the residence of the bride's parents last night, the Rev. W. H. Atwill officiating, Miss Claribel Ervin was married to Graham B. Whitford, of Richlands, N. C.

The Apomattox is steadily receding to-day, and the water will soon be in its natural bounds. No damage whatever was done.

R. W. Wood, an old and highly esteemed citizen, is ill at his home on this morning. He was 81 years of age, and he was stricken early this week. His condition to-day is regarded as favorable.

Burr Lawrence, a well-known young citizen of Prince George county, had a narrow escape from serious injury this morning. He was starting out to drive to this city when his horse started to run. Mr. Lawrence grabbed and held to the reins and was thrown to the ground, the buggy wheels passing over his body. He was bruised, but not severely hurt. The horse was caught by a neighbor.

Sixty-one members of the Liberty Council, No. 13, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Swansboro, made a fraternal visit to Washington Council in this city last night, and a delightful evening was passed. Speeches, music and refreshments were the order of the evening. Swansboro Council has 516 members and is the banner council of the State.

VALUABLE RING RECOVERED.

Was Stolen from Washington Woman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Fredericksburg, Va., March 4.—Chief of Police J. H. Robinson, of this city, recovered a diamond ring, valued at \$100, belonging to Mrs. Wilkinson, of Washington. A sixteen-year-old boy named Powers escaped from the Reformatory at Washington, stole the ring, came here and sold it. Mrs. Wilkinson came here, identified the ring, and returned to Washington much elated at recovering it. The boy was arrested at New Orleans, and will be sent back to the reformatory at Washington.



Attractive Bargains in Ladies' Neckwear

Silk Cord, six yards to a box, in all colors; price 25c; sale 15c and 25c.
Ladies' Collars, newest styles, nicely hemstitched, worth 19c each; sale price, two for 25c.
Lace Collars, large variety of exceptionally pretty designs, worth 39c; sale price 29c.
75c Lace Yokes, many beautiful patterns; sale price to-day, 50c and 59c.
On sale to-day, one lot of 10 dozen Beautiful Newest Style Jabots; they look like the 50c ones; sale price 25c.
Lace Collar and Cuff Sets, in very new and rich designs, worth 89c; sale price 69c.

Saturday is Bargain Day in the MEN'S SECTION

One lot of Men's Fancy Negligee Shirts, sizes 14½ to 16½; sale price to-day 25c.
Men's Fine High or Low Neck Night Robes, plain or fancy, extra well made; sale price to-day 50c.
Men's L. & M. Suspenders, with brass trimmings that do not rust, and real calf and pigskin ends, the kind that don't pull out and will sustain you one year for 25c.
One lot of Men's 50c and 75c Shirt Pins, 50 of the newest styles to select from; sale price 25c.
Men's All Pure Linen 1,000-Thread White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, worth 19c; sale price 12½c.
One lot of Men's Cotton Night Robes, in large and small sizes; regular price 50c; sale price 35c.
Men's 25c Silk Finished Lisle Thread Socks for 12½c.
Men's Half Silk Face Handkerchiefs for 12½c.
Men's 50c Knitted Four-in-Hand Ties, 15 colors to select from, for 25c.



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Ladies' Imported Pure Lisle Thread Hose, made with garter top and double sole; sale price 25c.
Ladies' Hose, in black, tan and white foot, made to stand hard wear; sale price, per pair 12½c.
Fine Combed Maco Hose, made with double heel and toe and garter top, warranted stainless; sale price 15c.
Ladies' Silk Hose, in all colors, made with strong lisle sole; extra value for \$1.00.
Ladies' and Children's Cadet Hose, made with strong linen heel and toes, every pair guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, for 25c.

GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE PORTSMOUTH LIKES BRADLEY SCHEDULE

Verdict in Case Against Tom Preston for Killing Michael Custy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bedford City, Va., March 4.—This afternoon Tom Preston, the negro, was found guilty of murder in the first degree because of the killing of Michael D. Custy. The case was given to the jury at 3:45 o'clock, and after deliberating exactly an hour, the verdict was rendered. Preston heard the verdict without a tremor, in the same quiet manner that has characterized his bearing all through the trial. Those who watched him closely could not detect a twitching of a muscle or a movement of the eye to indicate that he was concerned at the finding of the jury. He was the most composed man in the court room.

Motion was made by Mr. Lowry, for the defense, to have the verdict set aside, as contrary to the law and the evidence, and Judge Campbell set Tuesday of next week to hear arguments. The trial was resumed this morning with O. C. Rucker, speaking for the prosecution. He spoke at length until the dinner hour and he endeavored to show from the evidence that the Commonwealth had failed to prove murder in the first degree. Mr. Humphreys, for the prosecution, spoke for an hour and three-quarters after dinner.

The verdict meets the approval of the citizens generally, who regard the murder as one of the most cold-blooded in the history of the county. Unless the verdict is set aside, and this is not likely, Preston will be hanged within less than a hundred years from the scene of the murder. His crime was committed before the law was made requiring the electrocution of convicted murderers. The house used for hanging criminals has been pulled down in the last year, and it will be necessary to erect a temporary building for this purpose.

Alleged Murderer Caught. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Suffolk, Va., March 4.—Andrew Purnell (colored), accused of murdering his child, and a fugitive for three weeks, was brought to Suffolk this afternoon by Police Chief Dickens. Weldon, N. C. Purnell's wife is held as an accessory. Dickens will get \$25 reward offered by the supervisors.

Want Suffolk Bills Passed. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Suffolk, Va., March 4.—The Suffolk Council will on Monday send to Richmond former Assembly Delegate Robert Walter Withers, with instructions to push for the passage of a Suffolk city charter and authorizing an additional bond issue. The bills are of great importance to Suffolk, and the Council is taking no chance on their death.

HEAD SEVERED FROM BODY.

Remains of White Youth Found Near Station in Christiansburg. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Christiansburg, Va., March 4.—An unknown white youth was found early this morning near the passenger station with his head severed from his body. The trunk and the boy was named Simon and had run away from an uncle at Marion. He was about sixteen years old, wore overalls and gloves and a light hat. His left hand had been hurt. The body was buried this afternoon by the county authorities.

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